



General Assembly

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**AN ACT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN PERSONAL RISK
INSURANCE POLICIES TO FUND REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS'
OPERATING BUDGETS AND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
COSTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) Each insurance company
2 that issues, renews, amends or endorses a homeowners or renters
3 insurance policy on or after July 1, 2016, shall remit to the Insurance
4 Commissioner a surcharge, not later than January thirty-first annually,
5 at the rate of one-half of one per cent, on the net direct premiums
6 received by such company during the calendar year next preceding
7 from such policies written on property or risks located or resident in
8 this state. Any such remittances collected shall be deposited in the
9 Connecticut Fire Safety Fund established pursuant to section 2 of this
10 act. As used in this subsection, "net direct premiums" has the same
11 meaning as provided in section 12-201 of the general statutes.

12 (b) Each such insurance company shall include with such
13 remittance, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner,
14 documentation to substantiate the surcharge amount remitted.

15 (c) Any insurance company aggrieved because of the surcharge
16 levied under this section may appeal therefrom to the superior court
17 for the judicial district of New Britain.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) (1) There is established an
19 account to be known as the "Connecticut Fire Safety Fund" which shall
20 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The
21 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in
22 the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the
23 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
24 following order:

25 (A) To fund the operating budgets of regional fire schools
26 established pursuant to section 7-323u of the general statutes; and

27 (B) To fund training costs and fees for Firefighter I certification of
28 paid and volunteer municipal firefighters, provided (i) the
29 municipality, fire department, fire company or fire district requesting
30 such funds requires its firefighters to submit to criminal background
31 checks, and (ii) such firefighters have passed such criminal
32 background checks. Such training costs and fees shall not include any
33 costs associated with such criminal background checks.

34 (2) Any moneys remaining in the account shall be expended to
35 offset the costs of other firefighter training programs, including, but
36 not limited to, Firefighter II certification and fire operations.

37 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
38 shall establish (1) the form and manner of (A) submission of proposed
39 operating budgets by regional fire schools, and (B) submission of
40 funding requests for the costs and fees specified under subparagraph
41 (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and the costs
42 specified under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (2)
43 expenditure reporting requirements for regional fire schools,
44 municipalities, fire departments, fire companies and fire districts that
45 receive moneys from the Connecticut Fire Safety Fund in the
46 applicable fiscal year, and (3) a methodology or system for
47 determining the distribution of moneys for the costs and fees specified
48 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this
49 section and the costs specified under subdivision (2) of subsection (a)

50 of this section.

51 (c) As used in this section, "municipality" means any town, city,
52 borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and
53 borough.

54 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
55 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
56 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

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